335 W 4th St, Williamsport
July 23, 1883

My Dear Son,

This is a good fishing morning and I suppose ere this you have had your breakfast and are out trying you new tackle. Tuesday after you left was a lonely day, to us all Chester included, he said he was never so lonesome before. Wednesday morning Charles went to Market with me at 5 o'clock, we got chickens, sweet-breads, berries, etc. and had Aunt Clara's family to tea. Laedline brought us a bar of ice-cream, which was very nice. All seemed to enjoy their visit especially little Emily Cresson. Thursday Aunt Clara had a Cackle party and I attended. Maggie Bunnel had one the same evening, which took Augusta away and left Papa alone for supper. Saturday I went to Market again early and after breakfast went to the Dentist. Walked all the way up from Stearns Store, found Mother gone up to Sandersons Cabin for the day, Aunt Maria also. Miss Messersmith went home Friday and Mrs. Cresson goes today. Mother talks of going on to Aunt Augusta's and take Lizzie with her. Mary Bank is going to get married and will leave Mother in about 2 weeks. She wants Katie in her place. La Rue had his house injured by fire. They supposed a match was dropped, burnt the carpet paper and curtains also a chair. LaRue burnt his hand quite badly putting it out. Carrie Culver of Vineland is to pass through here to-day on her way to Watkins and has written for Papa and I to see her on the train. You can tell Stella McNiel if you see her, they are old friends.

Sweep sleeps in Augusta's room but comes into ours as soon as he hears us stir. Papa is very lonely without "the boy". I rode to the Post Office with him yesterday morning, in hopes to get a letter from you, but none came. I went to Church alone, Augusta was too lazy. in the evening Chester was over and we had quite a pleasant evening, if the other boy had been here. We hope you will have a good time and get lots of fish. This is good fishing weather. Cloudy, rainy and muggy. Write me a long letter full of news, all the little items. Hope Grandpa and Grandma are well and will enjoy your visit. Augusta has not heard a word from Lucie. Did you deliver the letter? Glad you had a nice time in Elmira. It was rainy here and I feared your ride about town would be interfered with. Give my love to Anna and Leila and remember me to all inquiring friends. Lizzie telephoned the day you left for you to come and escort her to Nellie Bubb's party, really she was very much disappointed to find you gone. I must close now and go to my morning duties. Papa has not gone out yet.

Charles mowed the yard Saturday. We drive Pet to Market.

Write to your Mother. You can let Grandma read this to see what we are about.

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W.E.C. Merriman's notes:

Chester - a boy living across the street
Emily Cresson, Aunt Clara's sister's little daughter
Cabin about a mile [] up Jersey Shore. Penna RR Station
LaRue Munson, Aunt Maria's son
Sweep, originally Addie's dog
Lucia Morse, 2nd cousin daughter of Roscius. I stopped in Elmira on my way to Bradford to see them.
Lizzie, Aunt Clara's daughter
Leila Munson, Cyrus' wife
Anna Munson, Jesse's wife

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THQ notes:

Aunt Augusta -- Adeliza Munson's sister, Augusta (Munson) Curtis

Aunt Maria -- Lucy Maria Curtis, wife of Edgar Munson [Adeliza's brother] and mother of LaRue

LaRue Munson -- Cyrus LaRue Munson (1854-1922), son of Edgar Munson (1820-1901) [brother of Adeliza] and Lucy Maria Curtis (1820-1902) -- first cousin of Cyrus M. Merriman

Leila -- Lee Ella Matthews (1852), wife of Cyrus Munson (1850), who was son of Adeliza Munson's brother Rufus (1813-1867) -- they moved to Detroit